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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takafumi TERAHARA

Serial No. 10/789,998

Group Art Unit: 2613

Confirmation No. 3584

Filed: March 2, 2004

Examiner: Li Liu

For: MULTI-DIRECTIONAL OPTICAL BRANCHING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on February 14, 2007. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to March 14, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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